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CROPS AND COST OF LIVING.

Predictions of cheaper living, based upon ample crops, must be taken with some caution. We are not confronted by the problem of two-dollar wheat, which Mr. Patten probably did not expect when he was predicting it last spring. His prediction served his purpose admirably. Instead of shipping wheat into Chicago and breaking the May market—the sort of thing that has broken nearly every predecessor of Mr. Patten's "bull" operations—the farmers held on to their wheat and waited for that two-dollar quotation, says the Philadelphia Record. The harvest began less than a month after the May option closed, and we now have every assurance that the wheat crop will exceed 700,000,000 bushels, and may reach 735,000,000 bushels. Wheat is selling in Chicago for less than a dollar. Food ought to be, and probably will be, cheaper than it has been lately. But cotton and wool are high and textile prices show no disposition to recede. Most of the prices are rising. Structural steel is not a commodity that the average citizen purchases, but he is affected by its price; and all steel prices are up. Hides are on the free list, but the shoe stores and factories are stocked up with goods purchased before the repeal of the hide duty, and prices are not yet coming down. The most important item of expense is rent, and with the growth of population that tends upward, but the extensive building operations all over the country may keep abreast of the demand.

How much individual credit belongs to Maria Parloa for the improvement which has taken place in American home cooking within the last quarter of a century it is difficult to say. But that she was one of the foremost of the advocates of a saner diet and that she contributed materially to a culinary reform of which the present generation is enjoying the benefit admits of no question. Miss Parloa was one of the first to apply scientific methods to cooking and to instill the principles of domestic economy in American homes. Through her books and lectures she carried on a propaganda for sound digestion which made her name a household word. Bad cooking has not been abolished. But it is undoubtedly so prevalent. The frying pan is less and the broiler more in evidence. Breakfasts have grown simpler; they no longer burden the digestion with many kinds of hot breads and meats. More intelligence is put into the preparation of food for the table. The housewife's efforts are now concentrated on dinner, the postponement of which to the end of the day has been a gain for digestion.

A man 90 years of age, who had been sentenced for life, has been pardoned and released from the New Jersey state prison at Trenton. He was committed many years ago, and he comes forth to a world which bewilders him because it is so different from that which he knew. He had never seen a trolley car, the automobile was an undreamed-of machine for general use when he was incarcerated and in many other respects extraordinary changes have been wrought during the term of his imprisonment. Such an incident gives the world itself a little opportunity to note how fast it is going, though very likely the old globe will not take time to give the matter much heed, but will let out another speed notch and hustle on to still greater things.

Signs of progress: Railroads carrying more freight than ever before, although the great grain movement is just beginning. Demand for more rolling stock. Iron and steel mills rushed with orders. Farmers asking for help to gather crops. Wholesale and retail trade improving daily. Money easy and payments prompt. That optimistic feeling all along the line. Get aboard!

The French minister of justice has sent orders to the district attorneys throughout France to prosecute vigorously the cases of cruelty to domestic animals. He adds that the prevalence of this evil is distressing and that it is largely caused by the indifference of the authorities. If officials would heartily co-operated with the anti-cruelty societies here our own streets might be saved some revolting revelations of brutality.

What the flyers need to make them happy is petrol put in tabloid form.

New York city now talks of having a \$3,000,000 automobile and aeroplane racing park over on the New Jersey meadows. The park will be reached by the Hudson tunnels, suggesting the three modes of locomotion—under the ground, on the earth and in the air. Some of the participants may go higher—it is to be hoped not lower.

The overgrown hog and the trotting horse have a rival now in the aeroplane at the county fairs.

The marriage of a Milwaukee girl of 16 to a man of 29 looks like child-marriage, which Christians inveigh against when practiced in heathen lands, says the Milwaukee Wisconsin. There are those who would favor a law providing that girls shall not be dragged away from their dolls to go to the altar with bridegrooms twice their age in the free state of Wisconsin.

The man with the hoe is not half so miserable as the man with the hammer.

BALKS AT EXPENSES

HEARST IS EXPECTED TO MAKE THE RACE WITHOUT PAYING THE COST.

THE LEAGUERS HAVE NO MONEY

Independence League is Practically Defunct Now as It Is, in Effect, Under the Control of Tammany Hall.

New York City.—The political outlook now centers upon the probable action of William Randolph Hearst. It is generally believed that he will proclaim himself a candidate on an independent ticket at once and that an agreement will be reached between Mr. Hearst and the Republican campaign managers by which the ticket Mr. Hearst heads will contain the names of the fusion candidates for the other city and Manhattan borough and New York county offices.

Mr. Hearst is not anxious to oppose Justice Gaylor who has long been his friend, but he is anxious to beat the Tammany ticket in New York county. Four years ago Mr. Hearst, through a close friend, asked Justice Gaylor to run for the mayor on the Independent League ticket and when Justice Gaylor refused, Mr. Hearst ran himself.

There has been a serious hitch in the plans of the men who are trying to persuade Mr. Hearst to enter the campaign over the campaign fund. Mr. Hearst has positively declared that he will not put up five cents for campaign expenses. His Independence League has no money and is practically defunct because it is now under control of Tammany Hall leaders who stole the machinery at the last primary election.

Mr. Hearst was told a few days ago that if he would put up half the necessary campaign fund certain independent outside interests would contribute the other half. He persisted in his determination to refrain from putting up anything at all. The outside interests have since volunteered to finance the campaign, but the amount they are willing to give up is not considered by Mr. Hearst to be adequate to the demands of the situation.

According to Charles F. Murphy, the men who are to put up the campaign fund if Hearst runs are Otto T. Barnard, Herbert Parsons, Timothy L. Woodruff and other Republican leaders. It is a matter of general knowledge that the Republican county committee was instrumental in getting up the mass meeting at which Mr. Hearst was nominated.

TOWN HEADS ARRESTED

Charged With Obstructing Federal Officers in Performance of Duty at Marshalltown, Iowa.

Marshalltown, Iowa.—Charged with conspiracy to prevent a federal officer from performing his duty, Mayor O. L. Ingeleda, Assistant Chief of Police Michael Clark, Sgt. R. G. Goodale and Officer Frank Haas of the city police department and Deputy Sheriff Charles B. Nason have been arrested by United States Marshal F. B. Clark of Ottumwa on indictment warrants from the federal court at Davenport.

With the city officials there were also arrested on similar charges Sam and Fritz Wegner, saloonkeepers; their bartenders, Leo McNamara and Scott Jones.

The arrests were the outgrowth of a case here September 25, when the police arrested the federal officers, who were trying to get evidence against Wegner for selling liquor to an Indian.

GRAFT LOST PORT ARTHUR

Engineers, Charged With Pocketing Fortifications Fund, to Be Tried.

St. Petersburg, Russia.—The government announced the personnel of a court of 10 members, five military and five civil officials, who will try the engineers who superintended the fortification of Port Arthur. The decision to try the engineers is the result of an official investigation just completed.

The engineers, the investigators decided, received enormous sums of money, which they pocketed, either doing nothing at all to strengthen the fortifications or throwing up defenses which generally had little or no economic value.

Friends of Gen. Stoessel, who was imprisoned for surrendering the fortress, claim the discovery completely exonerates him.

Railroad System Blocked.
Lincoln, Neb.—The main line of the Burlington railroad west from Lincoln was blocked to all traffic for ten hours by the burning of two grain elevators at the village of Denton, in this county.

Oklahoma Bank Deposits Gain.
Guthrie, Okla.—An increase of \$2,054,331.88 in individual deposits in state banks of Oklahoma is shown by the statement by Bank Commissioner A. M. Young for the period from June 23 to September 1.

Farmer Files Bankruptcy Petition.
Owensboro, Ky.—Edward Holman, farmer, of Logan county, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the federal court here. His liabilities are \$507.25 and his assets \$338. He claims all of his assets as exempt.

Rat Seizes Girl; Arm Broken.
Evansville, Ind.—A rat ran under the feet of Grace Field, aged 15, at her home. The frightened girl leaped for a chair and fell. Her arm was broken and she was seriously injured internally.

TRIED TO SAVE MOTHER

14-YEAR-OLD BOY "CONFERSED" TO KILLING AND ROBBERY.

Money and Rifle Were Found Wrapped in Woman's Apron and Buried in Barnyard.

Sidney, Neb.—Pleading guilty to murdering his father, Andrew Krupnick, aged fourteen, takes a life sentence in the penitentiary, thus perhaps saving from the gallows his mother, first charged with the commission of the crime.

Andrew Krupnick was a wealthy farmer living a few miles from Sidney. The night of June 29, this year, he arose from his bed just before midnight, got a drink of water and then sat down at the kitchen table. While sitting there a bullet from a 22-caliber rifle was fired into his right temple, killing him instantly.

Mrs. Krupnick telephoned to the sheriff here that robbers had entered the house, stolen \$700 and then killed her husband.

Money and Rifle Found.
An investigation was made and the money and the rifle were found wrapped in Mrs. Krupnick's apron, buried near the stable. She was arrested, charged with murder.

Wednesday in court Andrew, the son, who had been held as a witness, created a sensation by going upon the witness stand and testifying that it was he and not his mother who shot his father. The proof against the woman was conclusive, and if the case had gone to the jury would have resulted in a verdict of murder in the first degree.

Mother Dismissed.
After the confession and sentence of the boy to imprisonment for life, the case against the mother was dismissed. Then the boy told the sheriff that his mother was the guilty party, and that he confessed in order to save her from hanging.

CHOCOLATES ROUT PIPE

Chicago University Men Are Quitting Tobacco for Sweetmeat Habit.

Chicago, Ill.—Chocolate is replacing tobacco, the pipe and the cigarette as the really wicked and mainly indulgence of Chicago University men, if the result of last year's sales of the Reynolds club indicates anything. The annual report shows that there was almost as much chocolate sold to the men as there was tobacco. And the chocolate is not bought for the coeds, either. It is eaten right in the clubrooms.

The Reynolds club has more than 500 members. Last year more than \$768 worth of chocolate was consumed by the men.

According to Harry English, steward, the boys come in directly after lunch and buy chocolates. It seems to be a regular habit with them.

"When a student goes up to study, he has chocolate in his pocket, and when he leaves the club at night, he takes chocolate to his room," said English.

SUES HIS ACTRESS WIFE

James M. Barrie, the Famous Author and Playwright, Asks Decree of Divorce.

London, Eng.—The announcement that James M. Barrie, the Scottish author and playwright, has sued his wife for divorce, caused a profound sensation in literary and theatrical circles here. It was not known, even to the most intimate friends of the couple that there existed a misunderstanding.

The information came about when the list of names of divorce petitioners for the next term of court was announced. Mr. Barrie's name was among them. The allegations were not known. Mrs. Barrie was Miss Mary Ansell, an actress. She appeared in Mr. Barrie's first play, "Walker, London," in London in 1892. They were married in 1894.

Five Race Hydrophobia.
Chicago, Ill.—Five men racing their life against hydrophobia arrived in Chicago Thursday morning from Sabina, Ohio, and were taken to the Pasteur Institute to be treated by Dr. A. Lohrke. The men, Amos Taylor, Lou McClure, Russell Duke, Harry Duke and Boon Snodgrass, residents of Lee's Creek, a small village seven miles from Sabina, were bitten by a horse which was crazed with hydrophobia.

Makes Good Theft of Pin.
Evansville, Ind.—A well-dressed woman walked into the store of Solomon Frank at Petersburg, a few miles north of here, and laying a quarter on the counter, said: "I owe you this. Three years ago I was in the store and stole a hairpin. I attended a revival recently, and now I want to make peace with the world."

Would Enjoin Mayorality Opponent.
Louisville, Ky.—George D. Todd, Independent Republican candidate for mayor, filed suit in the circuit court to restrain Mayor James F. Grinstead from being a candidate for re-election. Ineligibility is alleged.

Crew of 43 Believed Lost.
Lisbon, Portugal.—The Portuguese steamer *Rosario*, with a crew of 43, has been wrecked off Aveiro. The bodies of 17 members of the crew have been washed ashore. It is believed all were lost.

Objects to Hanging With Negro.
Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Having received objections from friends of Stanley Nazarko to his being hanged with a negro, Thomas Willis, in jail here, Sheriff Rhodda has decided to hang them separately, Nazarko going first.

Enraged Boy Kills Sister.
St. Francisville, La.—Enraged at his eleven-year-old sister because she did not "play fair," Harry Morgan, aged 9 years, shot and killed her injured internally.

1 DEAD, 13 INJURED

RAILROAD MAN WAS USING BORROWED TIMEPIECE WITH UNFAMILIAR DIAL.

ILLINOIS TRAINS COLLIDE

Four of the Injured in Accident Near Farmer City, Ill., Expected to Die—Conductor Limped to Town for Aid.

Springfield, Ill.—One passenger was killed and 35 persons were injured, four probably fatally, in a collision at 9:40 o'clock Tuesday night between a special taking home several hundred excursionists who had been attending the state fair here and a regular passenger train on the Illinois Central at Parnell, 3 miles south of Farmer City.

The dead: Miss Clara Watson, of Farmer City.

The seriously injured: Jacob Ross, Gibson City; internal injuries; may die.

Daniel Hollowell, Farmer City; internal injuries; may die.

B. F. Barnes, Farmer City, fractured skull; may die.

Mrs. Thomas Bateman, Farmer City, crushed about head and chest; may die.

The wreck occurred on a sharp curve while the trains were running at high speed and when the engines came together four of the coaches of the special train were smashed.

It was 11 o'clock before the first word of the accident reached Farmer City, when Conductor Duncan of the special, himself seriously injured, limped into town. Word was sent to Clinton for a special train and in a few minutes, five physicians were on the way to the wreck.

The body of Miss Watson was seen beneath the wreckage, but it was pinned down so that rescue was difficult. The fact that the wreckage did not catch fire is responsible for the number of dead and injured being small, as many of the injured were pinned down for some time under the debris.

Conductor Fooled by Watch.
Conductor Duncan of the special train gives this version of the cause of the wreck. His own watch was being repaired and he was using another watch, he says. The dial of this watch was not in the same position as on his own and when he looked at it he thought he had 14 minutes in which to run into Farmer City, whereas he had but one minute in which to make the siding, three miles from the scene of the accident.

Engineer Clark of the special in rounding the curve, saw the headlight of the southbound passenger train, shut off steam and reversed his engine.

PEARY'S NEGRO IS DINED

Matt Henson, Who Went to the Pole With Commander, Is Guest of Honor.

New York City.—Matt Henson, Commander Peary's "man Friday," and the only negro to reach the North Pole, is the happiest black man in the world, for he was one of the honored guests at a banquet given at the Union League club, on Fifth avenue, the richest club in the world.

The banquet was given to the officers and scientific staff of the Roosevelt. Peary's ship, by a number of scientists and others interested in polar explorations. Peary himself was not present, as he is in Maine.

Those from the Roosevelt were Captain Bartlett, Prof. Millan, Dr. Goodsell, Dr. Borup, Henson and the engineer of the ship. The dinner was entirely informal and the men told stories of their adventures at the frozen North.

Miss Twain Weds.
New York City.—Miss Clara Clemens, daughter of "Mark Twain," was married to Ossip Gabrilowitch, the famous Russian pianist. The ceremony took place at the Clemens' country home, Redding, Conn. The bride was given away by her father and was attended by her younger sister, Miss Jean Clemens. They will make their home in St. Petersburg.

Explosion Pens 200 in Mine.
Wheeling, West Virginia.—Several are reported killed by an explosion of gas in the Elm Grove mine. Elm Grove mine is about five miles from Wheeling and employs over 200 miners. When the explosion occurred there were about 200 in the mine. It is reported that most of these are still in the mine, and that two are known to be dead.

Automobilists to Gather Mail.
Kansas City, Mo.—Automobilists will succeed wagons as vehicles for the collection of mail if the test machines now being used in Kansas City, Kas., meet with the approval of the postal authorities. Postoffice attaches are enthusiastic in their support of the innovation. In three hours one of the test automobiles covered 24 miles, visiting 150 boxes. By the old system it required two men with horses and wagons seven hours to collect the mail on the same route.

Man Caught Near Taft Is Freed.
Portland, Oregon.—Arthur O. Wright, who was arrested Saturday while attempting to take a photograph of the president, pleaded guilty to the charge of carrying concealed weapons and was released.

Killed Wife's Truancy; Acquitted.
Brewton, Alabama.—Dr. Thomas A. Redgood, an eminent physician, was acquitted of the murder of James A. Gleason. The defense proved Gleason had made scandalous remarks about Mrs. Redgood.

Record Production of Steel.
Pittsburg, Pa.—That the steel and iron industry is prospering as it never prospered before is evident from the fact that in September the United States Steel corporation produced 1,300,000 tons of steel ingots and 1,150,000 tons of pig iron, thereby establishing new high records.

Boston, Mass.—Fire virtually destroyed Gov. Draper's Boston residence. The damage is estimated at nearly \$300,000. The governor and his family are out of the city.

BOYS FIND MAN'S BODY

HAD BEEN IN WATER ONLY A SHORT TIME.

Clothing Lacked Marks By Which Identity Might Be Traced—Had Wound in Head.

St. Louis, Mo.—The body of a man was taken from the River Des Peres, about 300 feet west of the Knox avenue crossing. A hole in the head about an inch long and several cuts on the lips indicate that the man might have been assaulted and then thrown into the stream.

Willie Ellison and Herbert Atchison, each 11 years old, living at 1855 Tamm avenue, who were gathering driftwood, found the body in shallow water. It was lying face downward.

The children notified William O'Grady, of 4403 Manchester avenue, who, in turn, informed the police. An investigation was immediately begun by the mounted district.

The body had been in the water apparently no longer than one hour. There was not a mark on the clothing or body by which the man could be identified. A strip of courtplaster covered an old cut on the lips.

The man appeared to be about 35 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, 145 pounds, dark complexion, dark stubby mustache, two weeks' growth of beard, two upper front teeth missing. No coat, vest or hat were found. He wore a white calico shirt, which bore the name H. James; trousers of black and gray design and a pair of black lace shoes, size 8. In the pockets were two handkerchiefs and some smoking tobacco. The body is at the morgue.

Vienna, Austria.—Albert Pulitzer, brother of Joseph Pulitzer, the proprietor of the New York World, driven nearly to madness by a nervous disorder, committed suicide in the Grand hotel here by taking poison and then shooting himself through the head.

Mr. Pulitzer and his servants were occupying an elaborate suite in the Grand hotel and the sick man was under the almost constant care of Dr. Jacob Pollak. With Mr. Pulitzer, in addition to two servants, was Count Miklosky, his secretary.

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BROKER IS PUT IN CELL

Financial Operations Result in Indictment and Give Boston a Shock.

Boston, Mass.—Not since the trial and imprisonment of Cardenia F. King, financial agent, has the financial district of Boston had as great a sensation as that produced by the arrest of Arthur B. Sederquist and John F. Barry of the bankrupt brokerage firm of Sederquist, Barry & Co., upon a secret indictment which charges them jointly with the larceny of \$120,000. Sederquist was released under \$20,000 bond, but Barry was unable to obtain surety of that amount and was locked up.

The grand jury of Suffolk county investigated the firm's affairs, at a special session last week. It contains 120 counts charging the larceny of various sums totaling \$120,000 from a number of different persons in connection with stock brokerage transactions.

FAST MAIL TRAIN DITCHED

Iron Mountain Fireman Killed and a Number of Passengers Hurt, at Hilliard, Mo.

Poplar Bluffs, Mo.—The engine of fast mail train No. 7 of the Iron Mountain railroad struck a horse just north of the north switch at Hilliard, five miles north of Poplar Bluffs. The train was derailed. Fireman W. H. Brown was killed and Engineer Harry Hart was badly injured and dangerously scalped.

Two trespassers riding on the train were seriously injured. A number of passengers and mail clerks were also injured, but not seriously. It is believed. Almost immediately after the accident physicians were rushed from this city on a special train. A wrecking crew from Piedmont and one from Hoxie went to the scene.

WEDS IN WET CLOTHING

Marriage Ceremony Interrupted While Bridegroom Rescues a Drowning Woman.

Marion, Ohio.—Just as the Rev. J. L. Henaley began to marry Miss Ala May Chapman and Albert H. Copping, the cry of a person drowning was heard. The ceremony was abruptly stopped and bridegroom, bride, minister and wedding guests rushed to the home of Mrs. Laura Lee, a neighbor. Mrs. Lee had fallen into a cistern and the bridegroom plunged in and fished her out, when the wedding proceeded, although the groom's new suit was dripping water.

Ill From Forced Dinner.
Birmingham, Eng.—Miss Laura Tinsworth, one of the suffragettes who was fed forcibly through a stomach pump to prevent her from starving herself to death in the Birmingham jail, was released from prison and hurried to a hospital. The utmost secrecy was maintained in the transfer, but it is reported Miss Tinsworth is dangerously ill as the result of prison officials and doctors forcing food on her.

Humane Association Meeting.
St. Paul, Minn.—Humane treatment for man and beast is the slogan of the delegates to the twenty-third annual meeting of the American Humane association, which opened Tuesday morning. The meeting will last three days.

Ex-Shah's Jewels for Sale.
Teheran, Persia.—The Persian government has sent the ex-Shah's jewels to the Credit Lyonnais, in Paris. It is hoped that the proceeds of the sale will amount to \$500,000.

Carload of Flowers for Taft.
El Paso, Texas.—President Diaz has ordered a car load of choice flowers for delivery in Jaures on the morning of October 15. The flowers will be used to decorate the reception and banquet room in Jaures for the Taft-Diaz meeting.

Prosecutor Commits Suicide.
McConnellsville, Ohio.—Prosecuting Attorney Frank Parson committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. The tragedy took place in his office when he was alone.

Ends Life by Hanging.
Rumsey, Ill.—Mrs. David Holmes, fifty years old, residing near Abyle City, while laboring under great affliction, committed suicide by hanging herself with a fishing line while her family were absent. She left a note saying it was her own act.

Goat-Harriman Engagement Denied.
Paris, France.—The Herald is authorized to deny the reported engagement of Miss Mary Harriman, daughter of the late H. H. Harriman and Robert W. Golet.

PULITZER A SUICIDE

BROTHER OF PUBLISHER OF NEW YORK WORLD USES POISON AND BULLET.

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YOUTHFUL LAND HUNTERS

The Majority in South Dakota Registration Are Young Men and Women.

Aberdeen, S. D.—The opening of the registration booths on the Cheyenne river and the Standing Rock Indian reservations in South Dakota was attended with all the characteristic eagerness of a multitude of people for new lands, and an hour had no sooner passed than about 1,800 registrations had been made at the six different registration centers.

The center of the rush seems to be at Mobridge, the nearest city to the reservation; Aberdeen, the headquarters of the government, and Pierre, the capital of South Dakota. Smaller crowds were reported at Bismarck, N. D., and Leavenworth, S. D.

The crowds were notably composed of young men and a few young women, one of each saying that they would be wed if either the one or the other would get a lucky number.

VETERAN OF THREE WARS

J. W. Chris of El Paso, Tex., to Celebrate With Presidents Taft and Diaz.

El Paso, Texas.—W. Chris, the oldest American resident of El Paso, will celebrate his seventy-third birthday anniversary at the Taft-Diaz meeting. Chris is a war-came hero of three conflicts. He came to the city with Robert E. Lee, when the latter was major of the United States army. Chris has lived here ever since, except during the time he fought with Gen. Jaures in Mexico, with the American army in the civil war and with Roosevelt's Rough Riders in Cuba during the Spanish-American war.

UNWRITTEN LAW HOLDS

Youth Who Killed Physician for Wrangling Sister Acquitted at Franklin, La.

Franklin, La.—After two hours' deliberation, the jury in the case of fifteen-year-old Leo Olivier, charged with the murder of Dr. Allen C. King, whom he charged with wronging his sister, Miss Hazel Olivier, returned a verdict of not guilty.

The verdict is accepted as an appeal to the unwritten law, although the technical plea was self-defense, it being alleged that the boy's victim was armed with brass knuckles.

Minister Crane Sails for China.
San Francisco, Cal.—Charles R. Crane, the new minister to China, sailed today from this port for his post. He expects to arrive in China October 15. With him are Mrs. Crane, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Crane, III, and a younger son, John.

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MISSOURI STATE NEWS

A Landmark Burned.
The residence of Thomas Underwood in Pleasant Hill was destroyed by fire. The blaze began when Mrs. Underwood started a fire upstairs in one of the long-used fireplaces. The house was one of the landmarks of that region. A pretentious brick building erected by W. W. Wright in 1846, it became known throughout the west as a hotel, standing, as it did, on the Lexington-Fort Scott stage road; also on the road over which traveled stages which reached Independence and Westport Landing, to the northwest, and Warrensburg, Smithton and other towns on the east. Senator Thomas H. Benton and other famous men of that day were often entertained at the Wright place.

Told of Early Missouri Days.
In his dedicatory speech at Montgomery at the opening of the new fair grounds and race track, ex-Lieut. Gov. Norman G. Coleman said that he performed a like service at the first fair in this part of the state 54 years ago, and that he was in Missouri before it had foot of railroad. He rode on the first train from St. Louis to Jefferson City. Among the old citizens who heard his address were Maj. R. M. Berry, 92 years old, and Mrs. Mary Sharp, 90 years old. Two of Mr. Coleman's hearers had heard his address 54 years ago. They were P. A. Britton and W. Y. Sisk of this city. Mr. Coleman was the first secretary of agriculture in the United States. He held the office under Cleveland.

A Million for Its Missions.
Bishop D. S. Tuttle of St. Louis, president of the mission board of the Episcopal Church has stated that he had received word that the books of the present mission year had closed and that the expected \$100,000 shortage did not materialize. Instead, he said, unexpected collections had been received and over \$1,000,000 had been raised by his church for the cause of missionaries.

The Mail Order Bride Went Back.
A Bucklin man received a mail order bride from Indiana. He took her to Brookfield to be married and had her wait in the depot all night for a morning train rather than pay for lodging at a hotel. The bride soon tired of such treatment and the people of Bucklin made up a nurse to send her back to Indiana. Moral: Patronize home industries.

Confederate Veterans Elect.
The 13th annual reunion of the Missouri Division United Confederate